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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated November 17, 2006 for a period of three month(s).

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